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Remember to complete your survey!

More than 50 City Update readers have completed the short newsletter survey in the December 14th issue with many, many comments, both positive and negative.

If you still haven't completed the survey, please do so online at www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/cityupdate/survey before January 4th. Of course, please fill out just one survey. In the January

11th issue we'll publish the results. We hope they'll help us improve the newsletter.

If you have more comments, would like a fax of the survey, or have suggestions for future articles, please contact

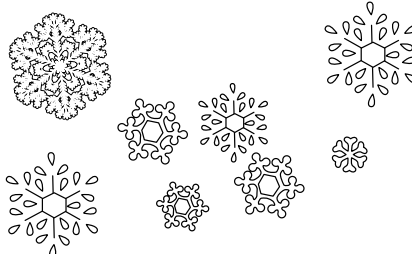
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Warm Winter Walking

Regions Hospital, HealthPartners, and the Xcel Energy Center have teamed up to bring you an exciting indoor walking opportunity. Beginning January 8, every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the St. Paul Club level of the Xcel Energy Center will be available to the public for walking.

There will be a kick-off event on January 8 at 11:00 a.m., with free food, beverages, door prizes, blood pressure and diabetes screening, and an inaugural walk around the arena. Everyone is welcome to participate...just don't forget your walking shoes!

To find out more about this community indoor walking program, visit www.regionshospital.com and look under "News and Events" or contact the Partners for Better Health Phone Line at 952-883-7800.



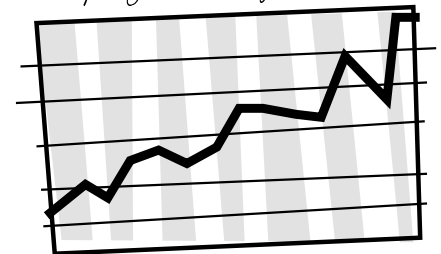
How your web works

So your office had its web page built. Maybe you even built

the page yourself. Congratulations! After all, it isn't so mystifying these days, with good applications like FrontPage, Dreamweaver, and others, but it's still a challenge for many.

Once your page is out there, you'll probably want to know how many times people have looked at it.

Keeping track of web visits



Many people want to stick an odometer-like "counter" on their page.. That can be an easy way to find out how often your office's page gets visited on our servers.

But counters can have drawbacks. The City does not have any counter programs. Since, in most cases, the counter programs reside on some third party's computer, the loading

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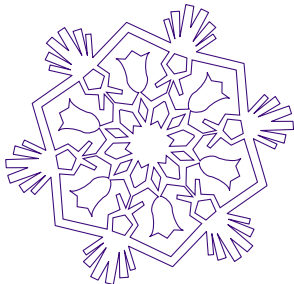
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Card	Annual Fee	Annual %-age Rate
Share Secured	None	8.5
Gold	None	10.9
Gold credit limit is \$5000 or more		
Classic	None	16.0
Classic	\$10	13.0

Leave your high interest rate credit cards bundled up at home, and dig out your CCCU VISA today! If you don't already have a CCCU VISA, call the TeleCenter at 651-225-2700 or 800-223-2801 or visit us online at www.cccu.com to apply.

* If applying for a Share Secured VISA, the minimum request and account balance must be \$305.00

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time of your page may depend on how long it takes to load your counter. That may 'hang' your page indefinitely.

Another disadvantage can be that anyone can find out how often your page is visited. If it isn't viewed very often, you probably don't want the world to know that.

But there's a better solution for pages on the City's internet servers, and it's right on our web site. Maybe you never knew how to use it — or even knew it was there.

Type www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/webstats in your browser's address window. When you go to that page you'll see a picture of our server (called Dennis) and links to the most current week's statistics, or from the week previous.

It may take as more than a minute for the page to fully load, because this is a huge document, in web terms.

Say you want to know how many times, for instance, the Mayor's main web page has been viewed. Make note of the page's web address: it's www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/mayor/. So using your web browser's search function (most likely control-F), look for /mayor/. Leave off everything before the first slash. In this case, for the week of December 9th– 15th, a search showed that the Mayor's main page was visited 364 times.

To search again on other pages in

the Mayor's directory, try control-G. The page /mayor/inauguration2002/ was visited 106 times.

If you're looking for the number of visits to a downloaded .pdf page, it'll take a little more work. If you wanted to know how many times the special fund summary for the 2002 proposed budget was viewed, you may have to get the page address in the browser's status bar at the bottom of the window. In this instance, you'd have to copy the long title /mayor/02budget/02pro-sfoverview.pdf, paste it into the browser's search window, and see if it's found. Only three people checked out that budget document.

If you look carefully at the list of "Top Requests," you'll notice some document names have the suffix .css. These aren't really web page you can view at all. They're essential underlying documents that help create the pages you do see. They're "cascading style sheets" that define the color and size of text, page backgrounds, and other parameters that define how a page is displayed in your browser.

Take a look around and try some of the other options, like peak hours, top directories, other browsers, etc. You may find something interesting, and you may find it useful if you're creating web pages for your office. And if you have questions, maybe we can help you. Just send e-mail to webmaster@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

City job openings as of December 28th, 2001

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
01/07/02	Civil Engineer I	\$1463.41	See Job Ann
01/07/02	Emergency Communications Center Police Dispatcher	\$1483.11	01/16/02
Open	Life Guard (part-time/year-round)	\$7.96 per hr	See Job Ann
02/01/02	Police Officer	\$1609.81	02/13/02
02/01/02	Police Trainee	\$1523.14	02/13/02
Open	Recreation Leader (part-time/year-round)	\$9.05 per hr	See Job Ann
01/07/02	Vehicle Maintenance Worker (Heavy)	\$15.87 per hr	See Job Ann
01/03/02	Vehicle Mechanic Lead Worker (prom)	\$22.41 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Water Safety Instructor (part-time/year-round)	\$8.47 per hr	See Job Ann

** This is a walk-in-examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 (TTY/TDD 651-266-6501) or visit the web site: www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings. For jobs announced after December 20th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.